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## Seniors' drug plan change put off

**REGULATIONS** Proposed changes to Alberta's seniors' drug plan have been delayed. The changes were scheduled to take effect July 1, but they've been held back in order to address legislative and regulatory changes and align with other government programs for seniors. In the meantime, the existing seniors' drug program will remain available to all Albertans 65 years and older.

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Sculptor Mark Bellows is hosting *Getwiste Staal, The Dutch Connection*, an exhibition of seven recent sculptures at Common Sense Gallery. The show opens Friday night.

## Sculptor shows off some steel

**ART** A local and award-winning artist is unveiling his twisted sense of creativity in a solo exhibition starting Friday.

Mark Bellows sculpts pieces of 12- and 14-gauge mild steel into creations he considers to be the luxury cars of the sculpture world.

Bellows used to take trips to the scrap yard to find metal shapes for his various projects.

"The problem was, I couldn't get the finish I wanted," he said. "It was because I was using metals

that were different. I wanted my sculptures to look like a Ferrari or a Porsche or a Lexus, not a rusty Volvo."

As a sculptor Bellows said getting people to look at your piece is half the battle.

"People look at Ferraris and they look at Porches and there's a reason why," he said.

"It's because of the finish and I wanted to be able to explore that."

Now Bellows uses clean steel for his sculptures and bends them into shapes that he sees fit.

"I'm still reacting to the steel I'm finding," he said. "But instead I'm taking the time to make my own shapes, leave for a while, then come back and react to those shapes just like I would have if I'd found them at the scrap yard."

The world premiere of *Getwiste Staal, The Dutch Connection*, opens with a public reception Friday at 7 p.m. and runs until May 7 at Common Sense gallery at 10546 - 115 St.

ANDREAS MORSE/  
METRO EDMONTON

# Easter on deck

City preps for family fun

JEFF CUMMINGS  
for Metro Edmonton

**Families are already hopping along the bunny trail this Easter weekend, says a city spokeswoman.**

Tickets for Fort Edmonton's 16th annual Sweet Treat Hide and Seek on Saturday — a popular Easter event in Edmonton — sold out this week and organizers of other events across the city are expecting massive turnouts.

"Tickets were available for the Sweet Treat Hide and Seek since December, and it's just one of those events that families keep on coming back to every year," said Kiri Wysynski, a spokeswoman for Fort Edmonton.

"It's a great way to celebrate spring."

Families who have already paid for tickets can hunt down coloured eggs at Fort Sweet Treat Hide and Seek. Children of all ages and families can turn those colourful eggs into sweet goodies.

Just because families don't have a ticket to Saturday's event doesn't mean there's nothing going on at Fort Edmonton, say organizers.

The Blatchford Field Air Hanger at Fort Edmonton Park can also create a special Easter craft, play some hippity-hoppity games, and

**"(The Sweet Treat Hide and Seek is) just one of those events that families keep on coming back to every year."**

Kiri Wysynski,  
Fort Edmonton  
spokeswoman

enjoy some Easter-time entertainment. Families can also enjoy a brunch at the park's Hotel Sellkirk on Easter Sunday.

The city is also offering up a plethora of events on Easter Monday, including the It's Popping Up Puppies at the Muttart Conservatory.

Kids at the Muttart can enjoy a puppet making workshop, face painting and a petting zoo.

Don't miss Easter Monday at the Edmonton Valley Zoo where families can get acquainted with different Easter babies — everything from chicks and bunnies will be on display in the indoor petting zoo.

The Valley Zoo is also offering up a butterfly parade that will take little ones "on a magical flight," say organizers.

For more information about events going on at the zoo, check out [www.valleyzoo.com](http://www.valleyzoo.com).

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# Local



## Olympian on pub crawl Thursday

Olympic gold medallist Jon Montgomery, left, is touring Edmonton pubs on Thursday night. The skeleton athlete is visiting all five Hudson's Canadian Tap House locations in Edmonton between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. The location tour is part of Hudson's long-weekend celebrations.

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### News in brief

**APPOINTMENT** Richard Brommeland, business development and external relations director at the National Institute for Nanotechnology, has been appointed by city council to the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation's board of directors effective April 15.

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**Video** Canada reconfirms its commitment to Haiti's reconstruction with millions in new funding at metro news.ca/canada

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## Crews get head start on streets

Mild weather encouraging for seasonal cleaning, repairs

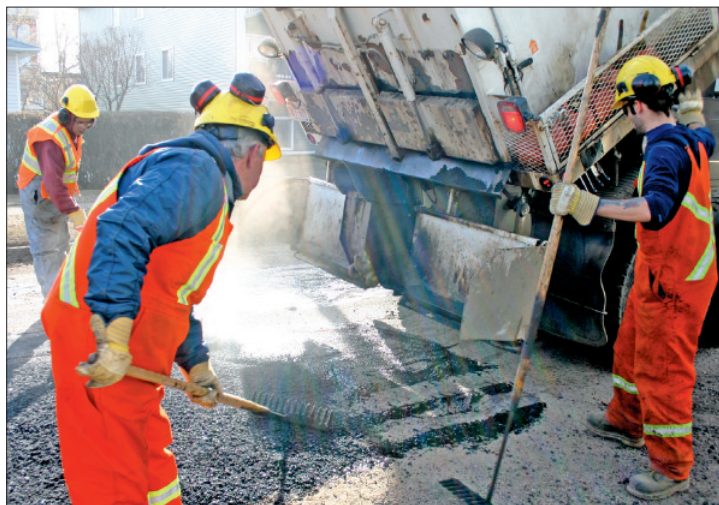
ANDREAS MORSE  
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While plenty of Edmontonians procrastinate their way into spring, city crews are glad to be getting a head start on some seasonal cleaning.

For the past few weeks, crews have been doing some preliminary sweeping on major roads and concrete medians, and have even begun filling potholes in neighbourhoods across the city.

"We think it's a little less (severe) than previous years and we attribute that to the rehab projects that we've been doing as well as the mild weather we experienced this last winter," said Roland Aitchison, superintendent of operations, roadway maintenance for Transportation.

Aitchison said there are about 5,000 kilometres of roads that need to be swept this year and almost half-a-million potholes that need filling. Not to mention the approximately 150,000 tonnes of sand used on streets over the winter that



City crews work on one of the city's half-a-million potholes that need filling after the winter.

need to be collected.

The spring sweep budget for 2010 is about \$9 million.

"That includes sweeping the streets, litter removal and recycling of the sand," Aitchison said.

The pothole budget for 2010 is \$5 million and the litter budget is another \$1 million.

Aitchison said that the city is receiving the normal amount of calls complaining about potholes and that he appreciates every one of them.

"Our crews are out there looking for them as well," he said. "We don't discourage anybody from reporting a pothole. If you find one

that needs to be addressed, absolutely, let us know right away."

Street sweeping should start throughout the city on April 6, weather permitting, and it should take eight to 10 weeks to complete.

To report a pothole, call 311 or go online at www.edmonton.ca.

## 58 area teachers recognized

**NOMINATIONS** Fifty-eight teachers from the Edmonton area have been handpicked as semi-finalists for a provincial award that recognizes innovative learning.

Alberta Education says 136 teachers across the province are finalists for the 2010 Excellence in Teaching Awards after the department received roughly 340 nominations from students and parents.

Semi-finalists and award recipients are handpicked by a committee made up of officials from the education community, said Erica McDonald, a spokeswoman with Alberta Education.

Each semi-finalist can access up to \$1,500 that can be used for professional development, says McDonald.

Fifty teachers were selected as semi-finalists in Edmonton, one from Sherwood Park, and seven from St. Albert.

The provincial teaching award program has recognized more than 8,000 teachers since it started in 1989.

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## Grant MacEwan adds accounting major to program

**EDUCATION** Grant MacEwan University has added a new accounting major to the bachelor of commerce degree program.

"The accounting major has been developed in response to student, economic and employer demand in Alberta," said Elsie Elford, dean of the MacEwan school of business.

Elford said a key factor in the development included increased demand for graduates by businesses.

The accounting major is designed to align with the three professional accounting designations: Chartered accountant, certified general accountant and certified management accountant.

The new major will be implemented in September 2011.

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# Designer returns for haute event

Sid Neigum's show to help launch fashion week

YONATHAN SUMAMO  
for Metro Edmonton

**A local fashion designer has made it back to Edmonton just in time to present his 10-piece showcase on Thursday night to kick off the Spring 2010 Western Canada Fashion Week.**

Sid Neigum, 21, said he was working long distance with Sandra Sing Fernandes, Western Canada Fashion Week executive and creative director, to put the final touches on his collection.

Western Canada Fashion Week runs until April 8 at the Trans Alta Arts Barns on 10330-84 Ave. and will showcase both up-and-coming and established fashion designers from all over the world.

Neigum explained that since he was completing a fashion internship in New

**"He's very versatile ... And Sid has a unique vision."**

Sandra Sing Fernandes, Western Canada Fashion Week

York with Israeli designer Yigal Azrouel, a lot of effort had to be put in from everyone involved to make sure things would be ready for the big night.

"Sandra and everybody at Western Canada Fashion Week have been very helpful in making sure everything gets taken care of while I am away," he said. "They have helped me with everything from picking models to helping me invite local stores to the show."

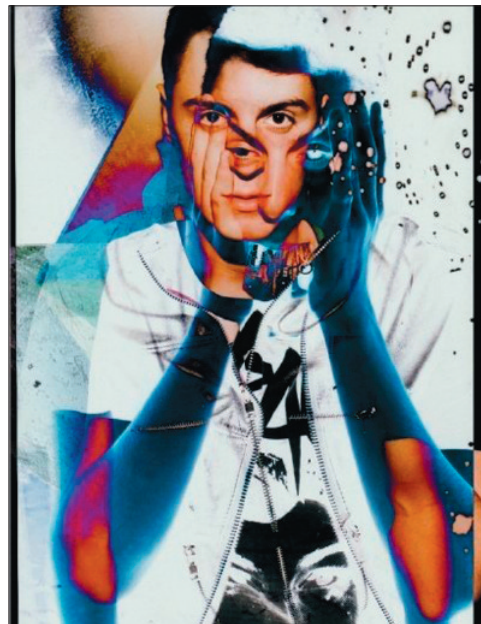
Neigum was the winner of the Fall '09 Emerging Designer Contest, and was awarded the op-

portunity to present his showcase at this upcoming fashion week.

Fernandes said this collection is a winner because of how cutting edge Neigum's work is.

"We have had amazing people all along our road, but when Sid won last season we were so excited," she said. "He's very versatile because right now, he is designing men's and ladies. And Sid has a unique vision because he is certainly in the contemporary area."

Check out Neigum as he presents his showcase, along with the Spring 2010 Emerging Designer Contest, Thursday night at 7 p.m. Other events are also planned for the rest of the week.



Designer Sid Neigum is looking forward to Western Canada Fashion Week, which kicks off on Thursday.



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## Airport World's largest plane aids Afghan mission



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## Fire forces evacuation of mall

**MILLBOURNE** Hundreds of shoppers and employees were evacuated from a busy mall in the city's southeast Wednesday afternoon.

Thick smoke was seen billowing out of an electrical room inside Millbourne Market Mall shortly after 12 p.m., but fire crews acted quickly to contain the fire within the room, said

Edmonton Fire Rescue spokesman Tim Wilson.

"There was some electrical work being done in the building when the fire started," said Wilson. "But we still don't know what caused the fire."

Wilson said a 20-year-old man was treated in hospital as a precaution since he was near the blaze when it first ignited.

"He seems to be in good condition," said Wilson.

Shoppers and mall employees waited in the parking lot for two hours before fire crews allowed them back in.

Investigators have yet to do a tally on the damages since the blaze is still under investigation, Wilson said.

JEFF CUMMINGS/  
FOR METRO EDMONTON

## Man killed after being struck by vehicle along Highway 60

**DEATH** A man in his 20s died at the scene early Wednesday morning after being hit by a car.

The man was walking in the ditch along Highway 60, just north of the Highway 628 intersection, when he

stepped onto the roadway and was struck by a small Toyota travelling northbound just after 5 a.m.

The Toyota was unable to avoid the man, who was treated at the scene but declared dead by Emergency

Medical Services.

Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP continue to investigate. The name of the deceased is not being released pending identification and notification of next of kin.

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## Speeding offences more than double during crackdown

**DRIVERS** It seems as though spring is coming in fast this year, but the season isn't the only thing speeding up in Edmonton.

The results of the Edmonton Police Service's March Operation 24 Hours are in,

and the number of speeding offences has more than doubled.

"Without a doubt, the nicer weather contributes to increased speeds on our roadways," said Staff Sgt. Bill Horne. "People have to

remember that speed is just as deadly in spring as it is in winter."

In the 24-hour period, 2,446 speeding-related offences were recorded along with 397 other offences.

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Police in Cape Breton say they have caught the person responsible for pointing a laser into the cockpits of airplanes in the Sydney area. They say information from the public helped them identify a 15-year-old boy from Sydney River, who admitted the offences. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canada



## PM loses another staffer

The revolving door in Stephen Harper's communications shop continues to spin. The prime minister is losing his fourth director of communications since coming to office four years ago. John Williamson, left, is departing to make a bid for elected office in the New Brunswick riding of former Tory cabinet minister Greg Thompson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## So what's up, doc? User fees?

**Will you face a user fee every time you visit the doctor?**

Ottawa may have to decide whether the provinces can start charging patients for trips to the doctor now that Quebec has announced plans to bill \$25 per visit.

In a move that could have a ripple effect across the country, Quebec — in its budget Tuesday — said it's considering a deductible for each trip to the doctor.

It even raised the possibility the rest of Canada might want to follow suit in what would be a significant shift for the universal health system.

Quebec claims the deductible is in line with the Canada Health Act. But health-care expert Antonia Maioni says Quebec's proposal may indeed go against the law.

**"It looks like a user fee."**

Antonia Maioni

"It looks like a user fee," said Maioni, a political scientist at McGill University who specializes in health policy. "It's trying to put a fee on utilization, and if that's the case it's going to come up against the Canada Health Act."

She says federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq is the only person with the authority to declare such deductibles illegal.

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## Ottawa Told you so, says Iggy



Stephen Harper's refusal to include abortion in his G8 initiative on maternal health has turned into an international embarrassment for Canada, says Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, pictured speaking to the media in Ottawa on Wednesday. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's rebuke to Canada proves the Liberals were to right to push for it, he said.

## Canada gives \$400M to help rebuild Haiti

**QUAKE** Canada has bought a seat at the global table that will direct Haiti's quake recovery effort.

It did so Wednesday by pledging \$400 million at a major donors' conference at the United Nations.

Canadian officials said the announcement — part of \$5.3 billion pledged at the gathering — left no doubt it will be granted membership on the Interim Haitian Recovery Commission.

The panel will preside over one of the most ambitious exercises in nation

building after the Jan. 12 quake that killed more than 200,000.

"Canada will stand behind Haiti," said International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda.

Canada also praised reconstruction efforts in Haiti.

"For years, many Haitian experts have been repeating the same messages," said Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon.

"I am glad to see they are at last ... getting the attention and credence they deserve." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Avalanche kills No. 10

**TRAGEDY** A British Columbia man in his 30s became the 10th person this season to die in an avalanche in the province's backcountry Wednesday afternoon when a slide hit four heli-skiers on a mountain north of Vancouver.

The RCMP said the ava-

lanche struck on Mount Currie. The victim was dug out by his companions.

The Mounties say it was a Size 3 avalanche, which the Canadian Avalanche Centre's website says typically has a mass of about 1,000 tonnes.

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**Toads a tool to predict earthquakes?**

British researchers said Wednesday that they observed a mass exodus of toads from a breeding site in Italy five days before a major tremor struck. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# World

## Teen accused of selling 7-year-old sister for sex

**A 15-year-old New Jersey girl set up her seven-year-old stepister to have sex with as many as seven men and boys at a weekend party near their home and also accepted money for herself, police said.**

Trenton police Capt. Joseph Juniak said Wednesday that the older girl started by taking money to have sex with several men at a party in a high-rise apartment Sunday. The teen then gave some of the money she had collected to the younger girl to let the men start touching her, Juniak said.

Two women found the child crying outside the apartment and walked her home.

The teen is charged with aggravated sexual assault, promoting prostitution and other crimes. Her name was not released because of her

**"I know there's a place in hell for all the people that participated in this."**

Trenton, N.J., Mayor Doug Palmer

age. She was being held in a juvenile detention facility.

A spokeswoman for the county prosecutor's office said prosecutors would seek to have the teen tried as an adult. Police believe as many as a dozen people were at the party. They are trying to track down the men and boys who attended and additional arrests are expected.

The child was treated at a hospital, and police said child protective services is working with the family to get her psychological help.

Trenton Mayor Doug Palmer called the crime

"sickening" and said it was among the worst he's seen in his 20 years as mayor.

"The police are taking this personal," the mayor said. "I know there's a place in hell for all the people that participated in this, and I'm sure they will get there."

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## Germany Setting sail on solar power



The PlanetSolar is seen during its launch at Kiel, Germany, on Wednesday. The world's largest solar-powered boat is 31 metres long, 15 metres broad and 7.5 metres high. A German adventurer is preparing for what he says will be the first-ever world tour by a solar-powered boat, in 2011.

### News in brief

**RUSSIA** A Chechen militant claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks on the Moscow subway in an Internet message posted Wednesday, hours after two more suicide bombers struck southern Russia, killing 12. Doku Umarov, who leads Islamic militants in Chechnya, said that Monday's twin attacks were revenge for the killing of civilians by Russian security forces. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Rural customs eyed in baby case

**CHINA** Rural traditions of abandoning dead infants may have played a role in the case of 21 babies' bodies found along a river in eastern China, apparently dumped by hospital mortuary workers.

The little bodies — at least one stuffed in a yellow bag marked "medical waste" — were found floating and strewn along the bank of a

river on the outskirts of Jinjing city last weekend. Hospital procedures normally call for families to take away dead infants, the Qilu Evening News reported. However, the death of a young child is considered bad luck among some rural families, and the body is often abandoned or buried in unmarked graves.

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It looks like construction on a new stadium for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers will finally get underway this summer. Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger says the government will provide \$90 million in bridge financing for Winnipeg businessman David Asper. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Manufacturing gives economy a boost

**The stalwart Canadian economy marched doggedly forward in January, growing faster than anticipated thanks to a healthy boost from a manufacturing sector that appeared to be in full rebound from the recession.**

The month's 0.6 per cent rise in real gross domestic product, reported Wednesday by Statistics Canada, was the biggest one-month lift in more than two years

and just ahead of an economist consensus forecast of 0.5 per cent.

"The Canadian recovery is becoming more fully entrenched and is showing surprising strength, with the goods-producing sector in full rebound mode," Douglas Porter, deputy chief economist for BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a note to clients.

"Importantly, the recovery looks to be broadening beyond the initial push in

**1.3%** The amount goods-producing industries grew, largely on the strength of manufacturing and construction. After a 1.2 per cent gain in December, manufacturing was up 1.9 per cent in January, with 17 of 21 major groups advancing.

housing and consumer spending, as manufacturing has advanced for five

straight months.

"The solid improvement will likely put more pressure on the Bank of Canada to raise interest rates in the next couple of months from their historic lows of 0.25 per cent."

The construction sector advanced 1.7 per cent, on a four per cent increase in residential construction and a one per cent rise in engineering and repair work. Non-residential building construction

bucked the trend, falling off a slight 0.5 per cent.

"These are unambiguously strong results, with GDP now rising at a whopping 6.9 per cent annual pace over the November-to-January period," Porter said.

"And, the economy has already recouped more than half of its recession losses, with GDP now up by 2.7 per cent from last May's low."

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## Payroll

- Total hours worked by payroll employees increased by 0.3 per cent in January while non-farm payroll employment was virtually unchanged. Statistics Canada reports January's most notable job gains were in mining, quarrying, oil-and-gas extraction; construction; finance; transportation and warehousing.

## Steelmakers call for antitrust investigation

**ECONOMY** European steel makers on Wednesday demanded an EU antitrust probe to check for monopoly abuse and cartel-type behaviour by the three major iron ore suppliers Vale, BHP Billiton Ltd and Rio Tinto after price increases of more than 80 per cent.

European car makers and engineering companies also complained that higher costs for iron ore, steel's key ingredient, could do serious harm to their business and were not justified by higher demand from emerging

economies China, India and Brazil. Steel federation Eurofer, which represents ArcelorMittal SA, ThyssenKrupp AG and Corus Group PLC, said it has lodged a formal complaint with the European Commission after Vale and BHP Billiton struck deals with Asian steel mills that would increase iron ore prices by between 80 per cent and 100 per cent. The group said it saw "strong indications of illicit co-ordination of prices increases and pricing models."

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## China Play ball



Jim Small, right, vice-president of Major League Baseball in Asia, shakes hands with Lei Jun, president of China Baseball Association, after a signing ceremony of strategic partnership and launch of MLB baseball park in Beijing, Wednesday.

## Toronto Airline grounded



A worker at Pearson International Airport in Toronto stands in front of Skyservice Airlines' check-in counter Wednesday. The Skyservice chartered airline based in Toronto says it is going out of business and will wind up its operations. The company entered receivership in Ontario Superior Court Wednesday, after cancelling most of its scheduled flights out of the airport.

## National Bank boss denies takeover talk

**BANKING** National Bank Financial Group says it has no reason to believe it could become the object of a hostile takeover, a scenario dismissed by the bank boss Wednesday as "finance fiction."

President and CEO Louis Vachon told shareholders that the prospect of bank mergers had fallen off the radar screen since the 2007-08 financial crisis, and said the idea of a foreign takeover also seemed far-fetched. There has been speculation over the years that smaller banks, like National, could be taken over because they weren't offered the same protections as bigger banks under 2000 reforms by then-fi-

nance minister Paul Martin. National says it will make major investments in its branch network and employee training this year, as the Quebec-based bank seeks to attract new business and grow market share. Vachon told the annual meeting the bank will complete the simplification and standardization of internal processes and use a new information system.

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## CSA releases new safety guidelines

**PROTECTION** The Canadian Standards Association has unveiled a new national guideline aimed at protecting workers from becoming injured or dying in confined spaces.

The association says workers in confined spaces like grain silos, mines and hydro vaults can face a vast range of dangers that put them at risk of death or serious injury. CSA president Suzanne Kiraly says workers in many industries must go into confined spaces as part of their jobs and are at risk of suffocation from noxious gases, fire or falls. Would-be rescuers often become victims themselves and account for more than 60 per cent of fatalities in confined-space accidents.

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Clothing maker Gildan Activewear Inc. has bought a T-shirt factory near Dhaka, Bangladesh for \$15 million US. The Montreal-based company said Wednesday it has completed the purchase of Shahriyar Fabric Industries Ltd., which operates a knitting, dying, finishing, cutting and sewing plant. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**Acquisition in Bangladesh**

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# Obama approves more off-shore oil drilling

**Reversing a ban on oil drilling off most U.S. shores, President Barack Obama announced an expansive new policy yesterday that could put new oil and natural gas platforms in waters along the southern Atlantic coastline, the eastern Gulf of Mexico and part of Alaska.**

Speaking at Andrews Air

Force Base outside Washington, Obama said, "This is not a decision that I've made lightly." He spoke of the expected outcry from environmentalists by saying he had studied the issue for more than a year and concluded it was the right call given the nation's voracious thirst for energy and the need to produce

jobs and keep American businesses competitive.

"We're announcing the expansion of offshore oil and gas exploration but in ways that balance the need to harness domestic energy resources and the need to protect America's natural resources," Obama said.

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## Skills shortage slowing growth

**OIL** There's been a shortage of skilled workers capable of drilling technically challenging oil and gas wells this winter, even though the level of activity is lower than it was a few years ago, says Roger Soucy, who heads up the Petroleum Services Association of Canada. "In many of those companies, they actually turned work down in the first quarter ... because they couldn't get enough people." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Bill called a 'step backward'

**LEGISLATION** Environmental groups and opposition politicians say the federal Conservatives are trying to gut environmental assessment laws by sneaking in new rules in budget legislation.

"This is a big step backward about 20 years," John Bennett of the Sierra Club said yesterday.

Budget legislation introduced in the House this week would give the environment minister the power to divide a large project up into smaller components for the purpose of studying its environmental impact.

That would make it harder to consider the combined effects of one megaproject or several large projects in one area such as Alberta's oil-sands.

"What they're trying to do is take away the big picture," said Bennett.

The bill also says projects funded under a wide array of federal stimulus spending programs would also be exempt from environmental assessments.

Environment Minister Jim Prentice said the changes will make the process more effective.

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## Fish 'n chips Birthday of a classic



Arthur Parrington is seen with his freshly cooked chips during a private class on preparing fish and chips at the National Federation of Fish Friers headquarters in Leeds, England. This year, Britain's venerable gastronomic institution — the humble fish and chips — celebrates its 150th birthday. Or does it? Turns out there are competing stories as to the origins of the dish.

## Manufacturing boosting economy

**ECONOMY** Real gross domestic product advanced 0.6 per cent in January, its fifth straight monthly increase.

Statistics Canada reports goods-producing industries increased 1.3 per cent, largely on the strength of manufacturing and construction.

Mining and oil-and-gas extraction also increased

in January.

The production of services advanced 0.4 per cent, led by wholesale trade.

Retail trade, the finance and insurance sector, transportation and the public sector also rose.

Meanwhile, the output of real estate agents and brokers, some tourism-related industries as well as agriculture and forestry re-

treated.

After a 1.2 per cent advance in December, manufacturing increased 1.9 per cent in January, with 17 of 21 major groups advancing.

The volume of wholesaling activity increased 2.9 per cent with all wholesaling trade groups posting gains except apparel and alcohol and tobacco.

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## Team USA could be without LeBron

Cleveland superstar LeBron James said Wednesday night that he's "probably not playing" for Team USA this summer in the world championships in Turkey. James, who was a captain on the U.S. team that won a gold medal at the Beijing Games in 2008, is eligible for free agency after the season and is scheduled to film a movie. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Sports



## Span's strange occurrence

Minnesota Twins leadoff man Denard Span, left, hit a hard foul ball that struck his mother in the chest during Wednesday's game. She was treated by paramedics and back in the stands minutes later. A stunned Span sprinted into the stands and stayed with his mother while she was treated.

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## Sports in brief

**MLB** Blue Jays left-hander Marc Rzepczynski is expected to miss up to six weeks with a broken finger after he was hit in the hand by a line drive in Tuesday night's spring training exhibition against the New York Yankees.

**BILLS** The Buffalo Bills will host the Indianapolis Colts in an NFL exhibition game in Toronto in August, the NFL announced Wednesday. The Bills and Colts will square off at Rogers Centre Aug. 19.

**SOCCER** Cesc Fabregas scored on a late penalty Wednesday as Arsenal fought back from two goals down to earn a 2-2 draw against Barcelona in their Champions League quarter-final. Barcelona pounced all over Arsenal in the first half but failed to score.

**TENNIS** Justine Henin made another comeback Wednesday. The former No. 1, playing her fourth tournament since coming out

of retirement, rallied to beat No. 2-seeded Caroline Wozniacki in the quarter-finals of the Sony Ericsson Open.

**GOLF** Fred Couples said Wednesday that he will play a practice round for the Masters with Tiger Woods at Augusta National Monday.

**NBA** Cavaliers centre Shaquille O'Neal says his surgically repaired thumb is healing ahead of schedule. Looking remarkably fit, O'Neal, who has been out since tearing a ligament in his thumb on Feb. 25 and having surgery, said he plans to resume basketball activities soon. He said his thumb is "good" and that he's looking forward to getting back on the court.

**BASEBALL** Barry Bonds is scheduled to return to AT&T Park in April when the San Francisco Giants honour the 10th anniversary of their 2000 NL West championship team. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Raptors sink Clippers

## NBA RESULTS

Clippers 92 Raptors 114



**The Toronto Raptors were a lively bunch Wednesday, whooping it up after laying a beating on the lowly Los Angeles Clippers.**

Chris Bosh scored 15 of his game-high 34 points in the third quarter as Toronto strengthened its post-season chances with a 114-92 win over the Clippers.

Bosh gave Los Angeles fits all game long, shooting 12-for-17 from the field and 10-for-13 from the free-throw line as the Raptors (37-37) won their second straight game.



Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh and Los Angeles Clippers centre Chris Kaman battle for a rebound on Wednesday.

Bosh added 11 rebounds in the victory, which moved Toronto a full two games ahead of the idle

Chicago Bulls for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Major League Baseball is exploring the possibility of sending two teams to Italy for spring training next year or in 2012. International Baseball Federation president Riccardo Fraccari told The Associated Press Wednesday that MLB officials recently scouted possible sites. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# MLB Preview

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Chone Figgins is a key addition for the Seattle Mariners.

## West gets wild in AL

Everybody knows it's status quo in the American League East: Yankees and Red Sox, with the Rays hoping they can reprise their run from two years ago. The Central also features the regular figures — Detroit, Minnesota and the Chicago White Sox — fighting for the division.

It's the AL West that has a whole new look.

The West is hands down the most changed division in baseball with all kinds of switcheroos for 2010. Seattle reloaded and is trying to contend for its first playoff berth since Ichiro Suzuki's sensational rookie season of 2001, when the Mariners won an AL-record 116 games.

Texas plans to be right in the mix, too.

"I think that the AL West is going to beat up on itself," Rangers team president Nolan Ryan said.

Speedster Chone Figgins left the three-time champion Los Angeles Angels for Seattle. Slugger Vladimir

**103** The New York Yankees won 103 games last season on the way to their first World Series title since 2000.

Guerrero departed the Angels for Texas. The Oakland Athletics took a big risk and signed \$10-million US ace Ben Sheets after he didn't pitch last year, plus they added Coco Crisp in centre-field.

In the Central, the Twins have lots to celebrate before opening day even arrives. They just locked up star catcher Joe Mauer on a \$184-million US, eight-year contract, perfect timing as the team christens its new open-air ballpark.

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon was thrilled to see Mauer stay put in the Central with the Twins and not join the mighty Yankees or Red Sox.

"We cannot afford that. For us and Toronto and Baltimore, we really appreciate that," he said.

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### Rookies to watch

• **RF Jason Heyward, Atlanta:** This 20-year-old made a strong case for the starting job with a stellar spring, picking up where he left off last year. The 2007 first-round pick batted .323 with 17 homers and 63 RBIs in 99 games over three minor league stops last season.

• **CF Austin Jackson, Detroit:** The Tigers got Jackson from the Yankees to replace Curtis Granderson, who they traded to New York in December. Jackson, 23, hit .300 last season at triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre with 23 doubles,

four homers, 65 RBIs and 24 steals.

• **LHP Brian Matusz, Baltimore:** The six-foot-five lefty went 5-2 with a 4.63 ERA in eight starts with the Orioles before they shut him down to limit his innings in his first professional season.

• **LHP Aroldis Chapman, Cincinnati:** The Cuban left-hander brushed aside questions about his control and delivery this spring, dazzling scouts with his 100 m.p.h. fastball and improving slider before being slowed by back trouble. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The Philadelphia Phillies are happy to have Ryan Howard.

## Phillies set their sights on third pennant in a row

**NATIONAL LEAGUE** The only thing the Philadelphia Phillies want from the St. Louis Cardinals is the title of last team to win three straight National League pennants.

Albert Pujols? Heck, the Phils are fine with Ryan Howard. Besides, they boosted their chance of the first NL three-peat since the Cardinals in the 1940s by making the big deal, getting former Blue Jays star Roy Halladay in a trade that sent their playoff ace to Seattle.

"I feel like the desire's more," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "I think that the talent we have on this team, stay healthy, a little luck, we'll be there again."

The 2010 Cardinals aren't conceding anything, though. They brought back Big Mac to help the hitters and gave Matt Holliday a huge deal to keep him paired with Pujols in the lineup.

The Phillies and Cardinals are the class of the league, for sure. But if the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs and Colorado Rockies have their way, neither of those teams will be heading to the World Series come October.

"It's not good enough to win the division or get to the playoffs. It's not going to be good enough this year," Rockies backup first baseman Jason Giambi said.

**"I think that the talent we have on this team, stay healthy, a little luck, we'll be there again."**

Phillie manager Charlie Manuel

"It's going to be to go to the World Series."

The Phillies again ran away with the NL East, but failed to defend their World Series title. So they traded late-season acquisition Cliff Lee, so brilliant in the playoffs, for Toronto's Halladay, perhaps the best pitcher in baseball. Philadelphia also added Placido Polanco at third base and upgraded its bench.

But getting out of a division that's improved from top to bottom will be a tougher task.

The New York Mets signed slugger Jason Bay, a native of Trail, B.C., to help an anemic offence — but can they stay healthy? The Florida Marlins finally pushed their payroll to more than \$40 million to keep the core of young talent together and the Braves made a host of moves, including bringing in a healthy Troy Glaus and closer Billy Wagner, who is 15 saves shy of 400.

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## Francis eager to regain ace form

**RECOVERY** Jeff Francis is back in his customary spot in the front part of the Colorado Rockies starting rotation, ready to resume a career interrupted by shoulder problems.

Whether or not the left-hander from North Delta, B.C., can pick up where he left off before his troubles began is a key question facing the defending National League wild-card champions. The signs have been mostly positive this spring, but the true answer only starts being revealed next week.

"There's no telling," Francis said in a recent interview. "The only way to know is to get out there and do it. I can stand here all I want and say, 'Yeah I'm going to be the same guy.' If I don't go out and do it, there's no point."

"To me, I just have to get

### Injured Canucks

• Twins slugger Justin Morneau is returning from a stress fracture in his back.

• Right-hander Shawn Hill, now of the Toronto Blue Jays, is aiming for a return by June after undergoing a second Tommy John surgery on his elbow last year.

• Left-hander Erik Bedard is making slow but steady progress from shoulder surgery.

• Catcher Russ Martin appears set to open the season with the Los Angeles Dodgers on time next week after missing much of the spring with a groin injury.

out there, get back to that rhythm. Hopefully, it comes back to me and I can be the pitcher I know I am."

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**95** Number of home runs hit by the New York Mets last season, the worst in the majors. The Mets are looking to free agent signee Jason Bay to help turn that around, and for David Wright to rebound from only 10 homers last season.

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Many might shudder at the thought of renovating, but oftentimes a room doesn't need major surgery, just a minor facelift.

Take the bathroom. To keep the often-small room clutter-free, functional and fantastic, just a few slight changes can lift the spirits of a tired or troubled bath-

room with minimal effort. "The bathroom is no longer just a place to wash up," says Karen Kwinter, editor-at-large at Homemakers Magazine. "Decorate at will, with artwork, occasional chairs or stools and treasured accessories."

Take a cursory glance around — which accessories need a boost? New towels and a matching bath mat can also cast a fresh look.

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Here's how to shed wintertime heaviness in your home and welcome spring with lightness, airiness and space.

- Clean the windows to let the sun shine in. Screens may also need a scrub to remove dirt.

- On fine days, open the windows and let the mild spring air breathe new life into your home. Listen to the birds.

- Clean the porch and patio of winter grit and put away snow shovels, sand or salt and other clutter.

- Open up indoor floor space as much as possible. Remove furniture that is not needed or crowded into a small space, as well as piles of magazines, books or papers that have accumulated over the winter.

- Remove heavy, dark-coloured curtains and replace them with lighter sheers or a light-coloured curtain, if possible. If priva-

cy or sun protection is not an issue, consider leaving the windows without window treatments or with just delightfully gauzy sheers. If your curtains or drapes are not changed seasonally, vacuum or launder them to remove wintertime dust.

- If you have heavy, dark-coloured rugs, consider storing them and replacing them with lighter cotton throws, or sisal rugs. If you do not change rugs seasonally, clean them with a non-toxic carpet cleaner.

- Vacuum upholstery. Consider using washable slipcovers in pastel or bright colours or summery botanical or other prints, especially if you have dark-coloured or wooly-looking upholstered furniture. Also replace warm, “fuzzy” throw cushions and throws with light-weight alternatives in summery shades.

- Wipe ceiling fans to avoid dispersing dust accumulated over the winter.

- Dust thoroughly, including baseboards and behind and underneath furniture.

- Clean vents on air conditioning vents or window units.

- Bring fragrant and

colourful spring flowers into the home, including forced tulips, narcissus, daffodils, or hyacinths.

- Replace flannel or dark-coloured bedding with lighter cottons, preferably in light patterns or shades. Similarly, use towels in spring pastels in the bathrooms. In the kitchen, consider sparkling new tea towels.

- Decor should be light and colourful. Consider glass vases, bowls of lemons or citrus fruits, bright plates with floral or other summery patterns.

- Once the weather has become consistently warmer, wash or launder and put away winter coats, hat, scarves, gloves and boots. Clean and store them in waterproof containers or coverings.

- Prepare warm-weather clothing for wear. Wash and iron them if needed. Put away or protect clothing that you wear in the winter, like long-sleeved sweaters and tops, woolen pants or jackets.

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Choose one wall and paint it a bright colour to create a focal wall, says our decor columnist.

## Move over beige, colour is back on the menu for 2010

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**Karl Lohnes**

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The nice surprise about the new trend colours for 2010 is that colour is actually on its way! We've had many years of beige, brown and taupe as the trend colours in home decor. Those neutral colours are now taking a step back and allowing beautiful bright oranges, blues and greens to emerge into the home. Perhaps it has a lot of to do with our mending economy or the amazing colourful costumes we saw while watching the Olympics, but I know that I am certainly ready to add a little vibrancy to my beige walls!

Here is a list of the hottest paint colours for 2010:

- Cedar Green, 2034-40: Fresh, crisp and inviting, this green helps to update and add life to all those lighter-toned neutrals in the home.

- August Morning, 2156-40: A cheery, mid-tone orange with a bit of yellow to create a happy, yet so-

### Some decorator tips

- Here's a few decorator rules on how to introduce bright paint colours into your home:
- Choose one wall and paint it a bright colour to create a focal wall. A focal wall is the wall that your eye first goes to when you enter a room. In the living room it is always the wall that the fireplace or television is on; in the bedroom it is the wall the headboard sits against. In the bathroom it's the wall the mirror is on and in the kitchen it is most often the sink wall.
- If painting all four walls then use neutral-coloured furnishings and floors to calm down the overall look of the room.
- In most cases, choose one trim colour (usually a version of white) to go everywhere.

You can change up your trim colour in a separate room where the door can be closed. When painting the walls a very dark or bright colour, then try to use a dull, creamy or pale grey trim colour to minimize the contrast.

- I always suggest that ceilings be painted white, especially when the walls are a bright colour. A white ceiling is classic and helps to bounce light down into the room keeping it fresh and bright.

- Not sure how to choose a bright paint colour? Test it against your flooring in a room, not the furniture. If the colour compliments and looks great with your wood floors or carpeting then it will look great in the room.

phisticated ambience. Helps to update tired golden wood tones in flooring, cabinetry or furniture.

- Violetta, AF-615: Rich, elegant and luxurious colour that when teamed with chocolate brown and deep grey can look masculine, while matched with pale pinks, greens and soft neutral tones, can take a feminine side. This colour instantly updates all the chocolate brown furnishings that have been so popular over the past few years. It's hip, yet elegant.

- Blueberry, 2063-30: A vibrant and lux blue that isn't too dark. A colour that will easily update gold, white, black or red furnishings to give a room the elegant look of Hollywood Regency. I suggest using paint finish with a lot of shine for a glamorous look.

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# Style



## Ready for April showers?

Don't get caught in one of April's plentiful showers without the proper footwear. With spring upon us, Canadian company Kamik has introduced a new line of rain boots to keep feet dry and help you stay slip-free during the season's downpours. Besides the tons of adorable colours and patterns they come in (pictured left), the boots are 100 per cent recyclable and are available online at [zappos.com](http://zappos.com) or [softmoc.com](http://softmoc.com) or at Softmoc stores for \$59.95.

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# Flowering inspirations

Designers are once again fixated by blooms

## Along with crocuses and daffodils comes another surefire sign of spring: Florals in fashion.

The garden-party look is a seasonal classic, but there's been some updating this season. Look for artistic — almost abstract — brush-stroke technique, or realistic, photo-style prints. Other twists include tulip-style hemlines and fabric petals adorning everything from tank tops to ballgowns.

Flowers, say designers, are an endless source of inspiration because of their delicacy, femininity and beauty. And it turns out many fashion insiders are gardeners (or aspiring gardeners), too.

Designers who are offering florals in their spring collections discuss their favourite flowers:

### Carmen Marc Valvo

Flowers creep into his clothes all the time, but there have been two specific flower-themed runway shows. One came after his treatment for cancer six years ago. He saw the re-birth of his peony trees as a hopeful sign, so he used pinks, chiffon petals and "dewdrops" of crystals. A few years later he blew up Georgia O'Keeffe-style flowers as prints.

"I was fixated by the way petals moved and I started playing with organza like an origami rose," Valvo says.



**Oversize flower pin, Le Chateau, \$22 (available in various colours)**

### Tracy Reese

Peonies are also a favourite for Reese. She says she likes that they evolve from such a compact ball into lovely layers as they blossom. They're also such a welcome sign of sunny days ahead after a long winter, Reese adds.

In her work, though, Reese doesn't restrict herself to springtime blooms. Many of her fall collections

— including the one just previewed at New York Fashion Week — will incorporate florals.

"It's hard to point to a season where we haven't used flowers for something — either shape, colour, print," she says.

### Shoshanna Lonstein

Lonstein recently tossed the holiday paperwhites and moved on to cut gardenias and honeysuckle in the spirit of spring. Later in the season, the hydrangeas she planted will blossom — she loves having their cut flowers in the house.

All her collections have florals, including one lily of the valley print that was fashioned after her wedding bouquet. She says florals look chic and sophisticated when they're anchored with black or on tailored pieces.

"You don't want too much fabric," she advises. "Try sleeveless or the top part of dress that's floral with a black skirt or vice versa. If you pull one colour out of the print and stick with it for the rest of the outfit, you'll have a nice balance."

### Michael Smaldone, creative director at Talbots

"I'm a pink guy, but my favourite flower is an orange poppy," says Smaldone. "I love how they're both wild — with ugly leaves and hairy stems — and have

a beautiful delicate flower." His thumb is pretty green, he says. "I like to get as tropical as I can in a non-tropical location. My garden is very green, organic and has things with big leaves."

He turned to a brush-stroke floral print for Talbots' spring line, though, because he thought that approach was very optimistic — something the fashion world needs right now.

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Michael Smaldone, the creative director at Talbots, turned to brush-stroke floral prints to add "optimism" to the brand's spring line. Pictured left: Rose-print sateen dress, Talbots, \$169



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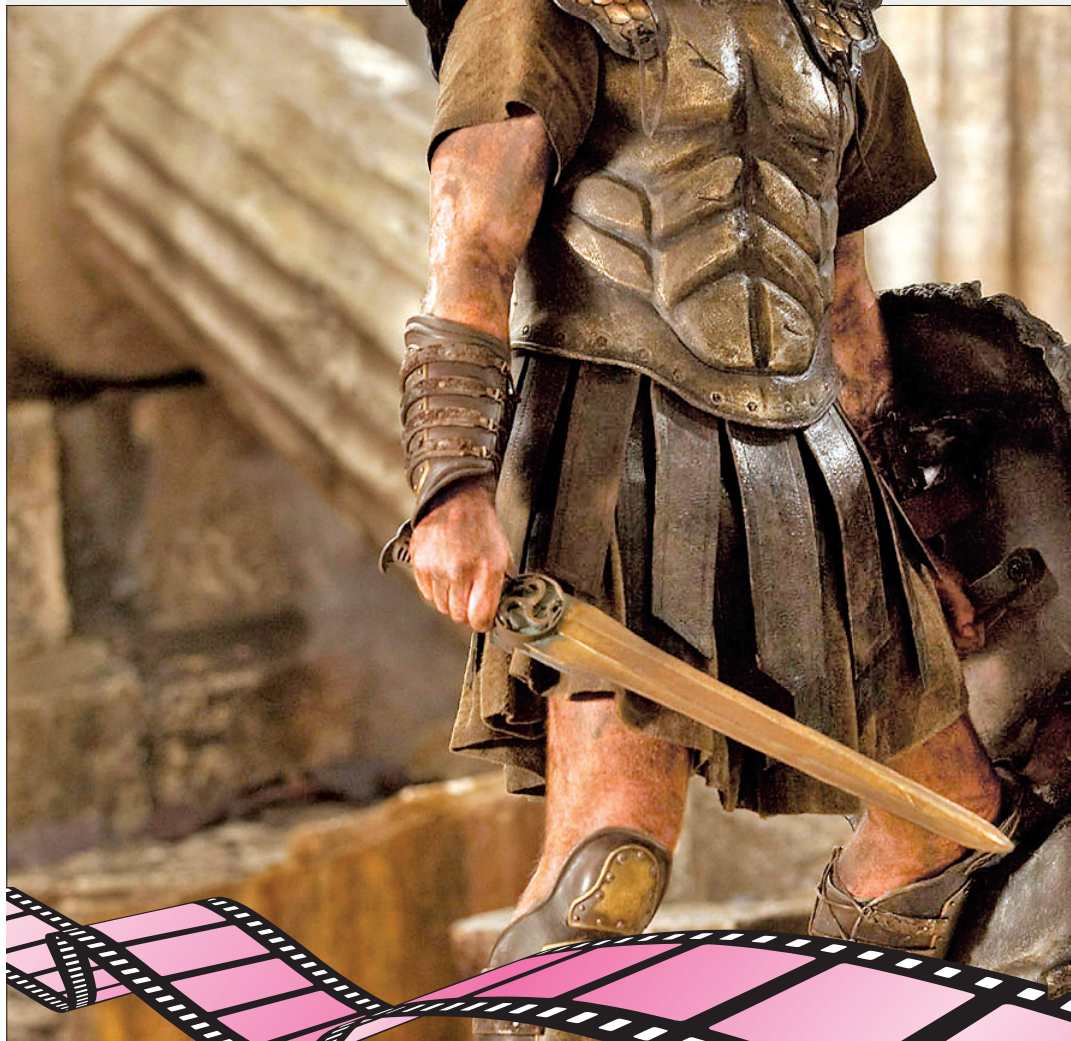
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Fey and Carell bring back the couple comedy.

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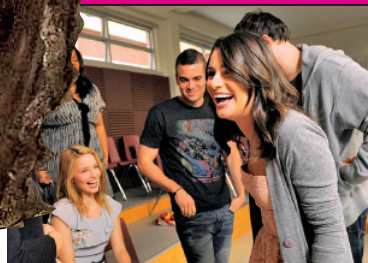
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Casablanco's having fun Strokes free.

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## Dare to go on Date Night?

Fey, Carell join forces to fire up couple comedy

NED EHRBAR  
Metro World News

To hear *Date Night* director Sean Levy tell it, Tina Fey and Steve Carell have been looking for a project to do together for a while, but the comedy stars insist that isn't the case.

"That must be in some sort of press release. We've gotten that a lot, that we've been looking for this project," Carell says. "When Sean asked both of us about this, he's the first person that put us together in theory. And we both jumped at the chance to do it. It seemed like a good idea. And I think it was."

Fey, however, is a little more hesitant, wanting to wait until the movie is released to give a verdict. "We'll see," she says.

Of course, with the success of their shows — Fey has numerous Emmys and Golden Globes as both an actress and a writer for 30 Rock, while Carell is a

Tina Fey and Steve Carell find themselves on a night-out from hell in *Date Night*.

Date Night opens next Friday

four-time Emmy nominee for *The Office* — they seem like an obvious choice for an on-screen pairing.

In *Date Night*, Fey and Carell star as a couple trying to put the spark back in their marriage on a night out in New York that goes horribly wrong.

And while their film deals with what helps a marriage succeed, the stars — both happily married — are hesi-

## Movie feature

tant to offer advice of their own. "We don't want to pretend to be marriage experts," Fey says. "If I was in a movie about a hospital, I would not give medical advice."

But Carell is willing to give it a try. "As a person who has been married for a while, I would say what works for my wife and I is to just communicate and let each other know consis-

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tently in very subtle ways that we care and that we're there for each other," he says.

As for dating, it's something Fey says she doesn't miss at all.

"I've been on very few dates in real life, really very few," she says. "I went on a couple of high school dates where I ended up either hiding or pretending to be asleep because I didn't want to make out with the boy."

## Last Train Home vital film on China

## Last Train Home

Director: Lixin Fan

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●●●

ADAM NAYMAN  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** In a post-Lord of the Rings moment of CGI crowd scenes, the sight of thousands of real, flesh-and-blood people milling about onscreen has the power to stop breath; the shots of rural Chinese workers swarming madly through a transit station in Lixin Fan's documentary *Last Train Home* are quite literally suffocating.

That's absolutely a compliment, by the way — the intensity of the visuals match the seriousness of his subject, which is nothing less than the social and economic erosion of the world's largest national population.

Its portrait of a labour class cut off from their domestic lives starts off panoramic — those train station shots — and then turns intimate, using one family's fractured dynamics as a microcosm of national dysfunction.

Zhanghua and Sugun Yang work brutal hours in a metropolitan sweatshop, sending nearly all of the money they make to their children in the county; re-

A scene from the documentary *Last Train Home*.

turning home for Chinese New Year, the are greeted not as breadwinners but as deserters.

Eldest daughter Qin resents her parents' absence and retaliates by leaving home — an ironic response that's part adolescent hormones and part cultural inevitability.

Fan's mobile camera catches a number of uncomfortable moments, but there's never any sense that his subjects are being exploited — the precision of the composition is tempered by an underlying sense of empathy.

The past few years have seen a number of vital films addressing the aftermath of China's "great leap forward."

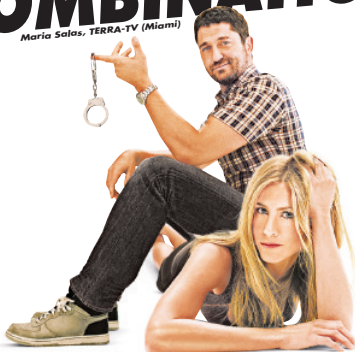
*Last Train Home* deserves a place on that list.

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## Faris follows Hawn's footsteps

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Sam Worthington, right, plays the god-defying Perseus in the remake of *Clash of the Titans*.

## 3-D seals Titans' fate

### Clash of The Titans

**Director:** Louis Leterrier

**Stars:** Sam Worthington, Ralph Fiennes

**Classification:** 14A

**Rating:** \*\*

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News



Remakes are a dangerous business, and more often than not they serve as cautionary tales. *Clash of the Titans* follows this less-than-proud tradition, updating what's become something of a camp classic with a lifeless dirge.

The tale of young Perseus (Sam Worthington) leading

a band of soldiers on a quest to save the people of ancient Greece from the wrath of the gods is told in plodding, self-serious tones, with our heroes literally walking from one action set piece to another.

This is the third blockbuster Worthington has fronted in less than a year (after *Avatar* and *Terminator Salvation*); and if he doesn't crack a smile in one, he'll soon risk overstaying his welcome.

Even as a big effects movie, *Clash of the Titans* comes up short. While the giant scorpions and the fearsome Kraken look pretty nifty, the digital effects for Medusa wouldn't be acceptable in a video game.

And many of the big battles are shot so quickly and frenetically, it's hard to tell what's going on — or which toga-clad soldier just got run through with pincer.

That's not to even mention to 3-D aspect. The film was hastily converted in post-production to 3-D after the success of *Avatar*, and that hastiness shows.

If anything, *Clash of the Titans* serves as the best example of why 3-D movies should be made that way from the start. If you must see *Clash of the Titans*, see it in 2-D.

• For a trailer of *Clash of the Titans*, photos and screen times, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies)

## A punk riot of their own

### Taqwacore: The Birth of Punk Islam

**Director:** Omar Majeed

**Classification:** STC

**Rating:** \*\*\*\*

**IAN GORMELY**  
for Metro Canada



A scene from *Taqwacore*.

**REVIEW** Inspired by the similarly named book, *Taqwacore* presents the marriage of two seemingly disparate and misunderstood cultures: Islam and punk rock.

The film is essentially two movies tied together by the overall goal of showcasing how the two cultures can co-exist. The first half follows *The Taqwacore* author and movement guru Michael Muhammad Knight and a bus load of Muslim-American and Muslim-Canadian punk rockers with band names like *The Kominas* and song titles like "Sharia Law in the U.S.A." as they tour across the country.

The tour itself is pretty

standard for what amounts to a bus load of misfits playing loud music. But it's at the open mic night of North America's largest gathering of Muslims where they run into their harshest critics. The all-girl *Secret Trial Five* from Vancouver cause a near riot of young Muslims upset with the idea of a woman singing. However, the brazen act of defiance also inspires nearly as many in the crowd as it offended.

The film then switches gears, following Knight to Pakistan where he reunites with members of *The Kominas*. While trying to re-connect with the spiritual aspect of Islam he had long

ago abandoned, Knight and his friends try and connect their music with Pakistani Muslims. After a series of disappointing gigs with other groups, they decide to put on their own DIY show on a local rooftop.

Director Omar Majeed does a good job establishing that though all the band members are Muslim, their music is not preaching Islam. Rather, they're using references to their culture while projecting the youth rage for which punk is known.

But the film loses focus as it follows Knight to Pakistan. There it shifts focus from a film about a youth movement to Knight's own personal journey. And while that's certainly a valid narrative on its own, in the context of the film's first half, it feels off topic and slightly confusing.

Despite this, *Taqwacore* presents a middle way for Muslim youth living in North America that balances secularism and spiritualism.

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## Music

# Different Strokes

## Julian Casablancas having fun without his band

KUMAR SAHA  
Metro Canada

**Julian Casablancas is having a lot of fun without The Strokes. Maybe even more fun.**

"It's the less cooks in the kitchen thing. It's a little more laidback," the iconic New York band's frontman tells Metro over the phone while en route to a taping of NBC's *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon*.

You can't blame the 31-year-old rocker for being mildly chirpy about going solo. Released last fall, his debut album *Phrazes for The Young* found a warm critical reception.

And right before he kickstarted his current North American tour his profile received a solid boost from an unlikely quarter — a spoofy viral video.

The Boombox clip, featuring a guest spot from Casablancas for a song by comedian Andy Samberg's band *Lonely Island*, made its debut on Saturday Night Live earlier this month and sent the blogosphere abuzz with praise for not just its loving send-up of '80s subculture but also for Casablancas' equally goofy per-

formance.

It all seems like a blast now but Casablancas' solitary effort was not born out of the most breezy circumstances.

"Two years after the last Strokes record (2006's *First Impressions of Earth*) when we were kind of getting together to do something again, I think three people in the band were working on solo records," Casablancas says. "I wouldn't say I was mad. But I didn't want to do a Strokes record under those circumstances ... they weren't really present, you know."

Absentee bandmates proved to be the perfect opportunity for Casablancas to explore his love for the rhythms of the "late '70s-early '80s" on his own terms. "I have lots of subconscious memories from the '80s. Sonically, I was going for (that). But musically I was probably more influenced by bands like Hot Chip," explains Casablancas.

The synth-driven sounds of the record were pretty clear in his head and Casablancas did not want to enlist producers who would simply enforce their ideas on his songs. But, in Jason Lader and

Bright Eyes' Mike Mogis, Casablancas found the collaborators who could facilitate exactly what he was looking for.

"They were just great. If you described something they could just nail it," Casablancas says.

Despite the solo success and recent reports about The Strokes working on their fourth album without their vocalist, Casablancas has good news for fans — he is still

committed to the band that has launched a thousand imitators since 2001's rock-reviving *Is This It*.

He admits that the group's dynamics "are better now than they have been in a long time" and the album — slated for a late 2010-early 2011 release — is making progress.

"It's about halfway done, I guess. It's crawling there," Casablancas says.



Julian Casablancas' debut album *Phrazes for The Young*, which was released in 2009, was received warmly by music critics.

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## Usher pours heart out over breakup

### Usher

Album: *Raymond v Raymond*

Label: Sony Music

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

#### WHEN USHER

FILED for divorce last June from Tameka Foster, it was a no brainer that his album would end up dealing with his messy split. The R&B superstar pours his heart out all over this smooth sounding disc, but especially on the soft, gut-wrenching track *Papers* where he says, "I'm ready to sign them papers ... I done took all I can take." Other songs deal with his newfound bachelorhood — on *So Many Girls* the singer doesn't mince words, "The king is back," he says defiantly, then repeats the song's title over and over again. Usher is clearly enjoying the single life.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

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exciting listen. Badu's fifth LP isn't, fortunately, nearly as heavy as its predecessor — this album is filled with light, airy soul tunes about love. However, she's still not writing conventional songs — opener *20 Feet Tail* is a dreamy keyboard track with a repetitive vocal melody, while *Agitation*'s jazz-meets-soul combo is a must-hear.

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### Huron

Album: *Huron*

Label: Latent

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

KING-SIZE RIFF rock with a rootsy edge from a Hamilton band that's screaming to be heard. If the double guitar intro on opening track *The Biggest Dig* doesn't send you reeling, then you're just not playing it loud enough. Huron has been hiding out at Toronto's Dakota Tavern for the past few months playing some big buzz shows with indie rock lord Ian Blurton. Guitarists Aaron Goldstein and Cam Malcolm have also been learning the ropes with Tom Wilson's Lee Harvey Osmond. The Cowboy Junkies like them enough to put Huron's debut on their own Latent label. It's time to start taking these guys seriously, in a big way.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

## New rock blooms in spring

### SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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With tulips in bloom and allergies in the air, here's the second half of a look at some major rock releases coming this spring.

**Sea of Cowards, The Dead Weather (May 7):** Jack White's other OTHER band (the one where he's the drummer) just released the first single, *Die by the Drop* about 10 days ago. Jack also has notions of making more music with Meg in the White Stripes, another *Raconteurs* record, a project with Jay-Z and producing

an album for his wife, Karen Elson. Dude, take a vacation.

**Diamond Eyes, Deftones (May 18):** With bass player Chi Cheng still trying to recover from injuries sustained in a horrible car accident in November 2008, the band elected to shelve the album they were working on with him — temporarily, they hope — and moved on with a project featuring Quicksand bass player Sergio Vega. Fans have been most impressed by what they've heard so far.

**Stone Temple Pilots, Stone Temple Pilots (May 25):** Many people — myself included — didn't give this reunion a hope in hell of lasting much longer than the obligations surrounding a tour that began almost two years ago. Yet STP has hung together long enough to record its



Stone Temple Pilots have kept things together long enough to record a new album, out May 25.

first album since 2001. The first single, *Between the Lines*, is my favourite rock single of 2010 so far.

**Songs of Ascent, U2 (June 17):** With the 360 tour set to restart on June 3, U2 may have a new album to work into its set. Those hoping for a shift back to the band's classic sound after *No Line on the Horizon* may be in for a disappointment. Bono has been quoted as saying this album features a "marked

shift in sound" and is a "reflective, meditative piece of work." If the rumoured June 1 release date is correct — no guarantees — we should see a single very soon. But other rumours suggest that we'll get a single in June with a full album in September.

Meanwhile, U2 fans can sort through *Artificial Horizon* (May 14), a collection of remixes of *No Line on the Horizon* songs created by artists such as Trent Reznor and Hot Chip, the British electronic outfit. There's also the possibility of a DVD of last year's YouTube-streamed show in Pasadena on May 21. And did I mention the *Achtung Baby* deluxe reissue that may hit stores in September?

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**Rivers and Newton to bring 'new' faces to TV**

Joan Rivers and Wayne Newton are just two of the new faces coming to WE TV's new slate of programming. Rivers will star alongside her daughter, Melissa Rivers, in *Mother Knows Best*, and Newton in a show called *Wayne's World*. **TVGUIDE.COM**

**Television**

# Glee, Ferguson get Peabodies

**The winners of the 2009 Peabody Awards, announced Wednesday, include the ABC sitcom *Modern Family*, Fox network's *Glee*, CBS's *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* and HBO's *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*.**

The awards recognize achievement and public service by TV and radio stations, networks, producing organizations, individuals and the Internet.

Other winners include the BBC's dramatic reconstruction *The Day that Lehman Died* and National Public Radio's website.

"To those who say all media content is the same, or presented from a single perspective, we offer this great range of material as a response," said Horace Newcomb, director of the Peabody Awards, in a statement.

"Our selections demonstrate that great work available in 2009 varied widely and appealed to viewers and listeners with very different tastes, interests and concerns," he said.

An award ceremony for the 69th annual Peabody Awards will be held May 17 in New York.

It will be hosted by ABC World News anchor Diane Sawyer, who will receive



The cast of *Glee* — seen in this file photo from last December — will be glad to hear the show won a 2009 Peabody Award.

an award for *A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains*, a documentary shot in Appalachia.

Announcing the awards, Cully Clark, dean of UGA's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, said *Modern Family*, which follows the ups and downs of an extended family, "reinvents the situation comedy."

Other shows recognized with a Peabody included *Glee*, a musical dramedy about the members of a high school singing club; *In Treatment*, HBO's therapy drama; and *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, a series about a female detective in Botswana based on the novels by Alexander McCall Smith.

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**The winners**

**SOME OF THE WINNERS OF 2009 PEABODY AWARDS FOR BROADCASTING EXCELLENCE IN NEWS AND ENTERTAINMENT:**

- *Modern Family* (ABC)
- *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* (CBS)
- *Noodle Road: Connecting Asia's Kitchens* (KBS1 TV)
- *A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains* (ABC)
- *SesameStreet.org*
- BBC World News America: Unique Broadcast, Unique Perspective
- *The Cost of Dying* (CBS)
- Independent Lens: Between the Folds (PBS)
- *Glee* (FOX)
- npr.org (National Public Radio)
- Diane Rehm (personal award)
- *The Day that Lehman Died* (BBC World Service)
- *Inventing LA: The Chandlers and Their Times* (PBS)
- *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* (HBO)
- *Sabotaging the System* (CBS)
- *Brick City* (Sundance Channel)
- *Thrilla in Manila* (HBO)
- *FRONTLINE: The Madoff Affair* (PBS)
- *I-Witness: Ambulansiyang de Paa* (GMA Network)
- Independent Lens: The Order of Myths (PBS)
- *Hard Times* (OPB Radio)
- *Iran & the West* (BBC)
- *The Great Textbook War* (West Virginia Public Broadcasting)
- *Endgame* (PBS)
- American Master: Jerome Robbins — Something to Dance About (PBS)
- *Up in Smoke* (KCET-TV)

## Roman Polanski update: Yep, he's still in Switzerland

**COURTS** Prosecutors angrily deny claims by Roman Polanski's lawyers that they tried to conceal evidence in his 32-year-old sex case, and they have renewed demands that an appeals court order him to return to the United States for sentencing.

Two prosecutors who handle appellate matters for the district attorney's office argue in a 26-page brief filed Tuesday that allowing Polanski to avoid extradition from Switzerland hurts the integrity of the judicial system more

than revelations of alleged misconduct by a now deceased judge.

They also claim there has been a misinterpretation of an extradition treaty with Switzerland and that Polanski should be returned for a court hearing in Los Angeles.

The 76-year-old film director fled the U.S. in 1978 after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

He remains under house arrest at his chalet in Switzerland.

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## Mental hospital for Garner fan

**STALKING** A judge is sending a man arrested outside a school attended by Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck's daughter to a state mental hospital.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison says Steven Burky pleaded no contest Tuesday to two counts of stalking the celebrity couple and their children.

Robison says a judge found the 37-year-old to be not guilty of the offenses by reason of insanity after a hearing.

Burky was ordered to stay away from Garner, Affleck and their family for 10 years if he is released.

Burky was arrested in December after violating a civil restraining order Garner obtained in 2008.

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Despite widespread speculation that Justin Bieber would sing live on American Idol this week, the singer will actually tape a performance that will air later this season. **TVGUIDE.COM**

## Going Out

### Mix of Six

#### Annie Mae's Movement

When: Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Timms Centre for the Arts

Hear the often-untold story of Canada's history for Aboriginal writer Yvette Nolan.

Tickets range from \$5-\$20, and are available at TIX on the Square.

#### Legends of Soccer

When: Saturday at 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Rexall Place

Masters Division: Manchester United and Liverpool Football Club from Europe take on the Masters All Stars from EDSA and CUSA.

See soccer legends Andy Cole, Dwight Yorke and Robbie Fowler play in Edmonton.

Tickets available through Ticketmaster

#### Sweet Treat Hide and Seek

When: Saturday from 12-5 p.m.  
Where: Fort Edmonton Park

This annual event is great fun for the whole family.

There's games, crafts, a petting zoo and a coloured egg hunt for treats.

#### Edmonton Rush Home game

When: Friday at 7:00 p.m.  
Where: Rexall Place

Only a few home games remain in the regular season for the Rush.

Check them out as they take on the Washington Stealth this weekend.

Tickets still available on Ticketmaster.



#### Easter "Eggstravaganza"

When: Sunday at 12-4 p.m.  
Where: Rutherford House

A great way to spend your Easter Sunday afternoon.

Easter eggs, cookies baked in a traditional wood burning stove and crafts for everyone.

Tickets at the door. Special prices for families.

#### Edmonton Oilers Home game

When: Monday at 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Rexall Place

Wrap up your long weekend with the second last home game for the Oil this season as they take on the Minnesota Wild.

Tickets still available through Ticketmaster.

# On a fool's errand

ELIZABETH BRAW  
Metro World News

**John Hargrave has conducted pranks ever since he was born — on April 1. (It's no joke.)**

Today he runs the world's most popular prank website, which gets record traffic every April Fools Day.

"Aim big," advises Hargrave, the founder of zug.com and author of two bestselling prank books.

"Go for multinational corporations, politicians and celebrities. People love it when you turn the system against itself."

"They hate how you have to go through many layers of publicists and as-

tants to reach a celebrity." Once Hargrave pretended to be a sick 11-year-old girl, writing mass murderer Charles Manson a letter asking for support.

Surprisingly, Manson responded and enclosed three wooden jewelry boxes

he'd made in the prison workshop.

Hargrave did feel slightly sorry for Manson, the killer of Roman Polanski's wife.

The best pranks, he says, are funny, don't hurt anyone, and has everyone laughing.

For kids, Hargrave suggests swapping the bags in cereal boxes or the contents of ketchup and mustard bottles.

But the most masterful prank was the one played by MIT students one April Fools Day. They transported a police car to the top of the MIT campus's main building. On April 1 it sat there, sirens wailing. Everybody got a good laugh.

John Hargrave is a practiced prankster.



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### critics' corner

#### Bitchin' Kitchen

It's food and attitude in this irreverent new series, which began life in cyberspace. Self-described "bad girl chef" Nadia Giosia — alias Nadia G — leads a team of wacky foodies that includes Panos da Fish 'n' Meat Guy and Hans the Scantily Clad Food Correspondent. The show is silly, but the food is good; in this episode, the menu includes pepper-crusted tuna steak with homemade teriyaki, wasabi smashed potatoes and Mediterranean chick pea stew. 9 PM on FOOD



#### The Nature of Things

Almost 30 years after U.S. President Ronald Reagan proposed the Strategic Defense Initiative, the new episode "Masters of Space" looks at the current state of the space race — military division. It examines the efforts of the U.S. and other nations to control and weaponize space and the difficulties in translating earthbound geopolitics to space warfare. Can space be "conquered," or do we need to rethink and redefine the concept of military dominance? 8 PM on CBXT

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| 4/1/10 | 2   | CFRN   | 239 | 318  | The Vampire Diaries (N)  | The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)                 | CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n              | Grey's Anatomy (N)                                  | CTV News                  |  |                            |                        |
|        | 3   | KHQ    | -   | 370  | News   | Millionaire                              | Jeopardy! (N)                              | The Office "Niagara"                                | The Office (HDTV)         | Marriage Ref                                 |                            |                        |
|        | 4   | CBXT   | -   | 307  | Wheel Fortune  | Jeopardy! (N)                            | The Nature of Things (N)                   | Love, Hate and Propaganda                           | CBC News: The National    | The Hour                                     |                            |                        |
|        | 6   | KREM   | -   | 372  | News   | Access H                                 | The Doctors (N)                            | Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains                       | The Mentalist (HDTV) (N)  | CSI: Cri. Scene                              |                            |                        |
|        | 7   | CKEM   | 241 | 347  | Law & Order: Special Victims   | The Marriage Ref (N)                     | 90210 (HDTV) (N)                           | 30 Rock   | Parks/Recreat             | On Purpose                                   | 30 Rock                    | EP Daily               |
|        | 8   | CITV   | 240 | 339  | ET Canada  | Entertainment                            | Omni News: S. Asian Edition                | Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains                       | TwoHalf Men               | TwoHalf Men                                  | Coach                      | News Hour              |
|        | 11  | OMNI   | -   | -    | King/Queens  | The Simpsons                             | Entertainment                              | Omni News: Cantonese Edition                        | FlashForward (HDTV) (N)   | Grey's Anatomy (N)                           | Private Pract.             |                        |
|        | 13  | KKLY   | -   | 371  | 4 News at 6  | 4 News at 6:30                           | The Insider (N)                            | Bones (HDTV)  | Fringe "Peter" (N)        | News   |                            |                        |
|        | 16  | KAYU   | -   | 373  | The Office   | Raymond                                  | TwoHalf Men                                | Sherlock Holmes Mysteries                           | MI-5 (HDTV)               | Soundstage                                   |                            |                        |
|        | 22  | KSPS   | -   | 374  | PBS NewsHour (N)   | Misunderstood Epidemic                   | Red Green                                  | CBC News: The National                              | CBC News: The National    | Nature/ Things                               |                            |                        |
|        | 24  | WTVS   | -   | 364  | This Old H'se  | Michigan                                 | EarthWatch One                             | EarthWatch Two                                      |                           |  |                            |                        |
|        | 15  | CBCTN  | 502 | -    | CBC News: The National   | The Nature of Things                     | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV Part 4 of 5) (N) | Larry King Live                                     | CTV News                  | Cooper 360                                   |                            |                        |
|        | 27  | CNN    | 500 | 500  | Larry King Live (N)  | EarthWatch One                           | CTV News                                   | CTV News  | CTV News                  | CTV News                                     |                            |                        |
|        | 54  | CTVN   | 501 | 391  | CTV News Tonight   | Business News                            | Commodities                                | Market Call Tonight                                 | Headline                  | Commodities                                  | Squeeze Play               |                        |
|        | 70  | BNN    | 504 | 508  | Squeeze Play   |  |  |   |                           |  |                            |                        |
|        | 20  | TSN    | 400 | 400  | NHL Hockey   | SportsCentre                             | That's Hockey!                             | SportsCentre  | Off the Record            | Boxing Steve Molitor vs. Takalani Ndlovu II. | Ult. Fighter               |                        |
|        | 23  | net    | 408 | 418  | The Rockies  | MMA Conn                                 | UFC Fight Night Florian vs. Gomi.          | Sportsnet Connected (N)                             | Fast Track to Fame (HDTV) | Bullrun (HDTV)                               | Score Now                  |                        |
|        | 94  | SPEED  | 417 | 406  | (6) Barrett-Jackson Automobile Auction From the South Florida Fairgrounds, Palm Beach. | NBA Basketball                           | Portland Trail Blazers at Denver Nuggets.  |   |                           |  |                            |                        |
|        | 94  | SCORE  | 410 | 403  | Poker Tour   | Hardcore Fighting                        |  |   |                           |  |                            |                        |
|        | 9   | EDVAC  | 267 | 351  | Alberta Primetime  | (8:01) Private Practice                  | FlashForward (HDTV) (N)                    | Fringe "Peter" (N)                                  |                           |  |                            |                        |
|        | 14  | TV     | 552 | 543  | Carly  | Drake & Josh                             | Prank Patrol                               | Prank Patrol  | 8 Simple Rules            | What I Like                                  | Family Biz                 |                        |
|        | 17  | TREE   | 553 | 546  | Franklin   | Babar                                    | Little Bear                                | Toopy & Binoo                                       | Max & Ruby                | Dragon (DVS)                                 | Backyardigans              | Ni Hao, Kai-lan        |
|        | 42  | TOON   | 555 | 545  | Johnny Test  | Johnny Test                              | Johnny Test                                | Spliced (N)   | Futurama                  | King of the Hill                             | X-Men                      | Go, Diego, Go!         |
|        | 45  | FAM    | 557 | 541  | That's Raven   | Suite Life                               | Han, Montana                               | Sonny Chance  | Han, Montana              | Wizards-Place                                | Latest Buzz                | Ned's School           |
|        | -   | TV     | 121 | 714  | TVA nouvelles  | Le Cercle (SC)                           | Extrême (N)                                | Histoires-filles                                    | Dieu merci! (HDTV) (SC)   | Deux filles le matin (SC)                    | TVA nouvelles              |                        |
|        | 18  | CMT    | 575 | 583  | According-Jim  | According-Jim                            | Home Improve.                              | Home Improve.                                       | UnStable                  | UnStable                                     | Amer. Funniest Home Videos | Reba                   |
|        | 25  | A&E    | 615 | 520  | The First 48 (HDTV) (N)  | Fugitive Chronicles (N)                  | Fugitive Chronicles (N)                    | Fugitive Chronicles (N)                             | (10:01) The First 48      |  | The First 48               |                        |
|        | 26  | MMM    | 571 | 581  | mmtop10.ca   | Mariah Carey: Mimi                       | Ace of Cakes                               | Ace of Cakes  | Bitchin                   | Brian Boitano                                | Diner, Drive-In            | Unwrapped              |
|        | 29  | FOOD   | 603 | 561  | Ultimate Recipe Showdown   | Relic Hunter                             | MythBusters                                | Chop Shop   | Chop Shop                 | Chop Shop                                    | Chop Shop                  | Chop Shop              |
|        | 31  | SHOW   | 617 | 522  | Trailer Park   | Relic Hunter                             | MythBusters                                | Chop Shop   | Chop Shop                 | Chop Shop                                    | Chop Shop                  | Chop Shop              |
|        | 32  | SLICE  | 520 | 505  | (6) Who Framed Jesus? (N)  | MythBusters                              | Chop Shop                                  | Chop Shop   | Chop Shop                 | Chop Shop                                    | Chop Shop                  | Chop Shop              |
|        | 33  | DISC   | 601 | 562  | Bootcamp   | Last 10                                  | MythBusters                                | Chop Shop   | Chop Shop                 | Chop Shop                                    | Chop Shop                  | Chop Shop              |
|        | 34  | W      | 602 | 567  | House  | House-Sell                               | Supernanny                                 | LA Ink (HDTV) (N)                                   | Law & Order               | The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)                  | MANswers                   | CSI: Crime Scn         |
|        | 35  | TLC    | 521 | 560  | Police Women of Maricopa   | LA Ink (HDTV) (N)                        | Law & Order                                | The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)                         | MANswers                  | MANswers                                     | MANswers                   | CSI: Crime Scn         |
|        | 36  | BRAVO  | 620 | 523  | Descend (2005, Science Fiction) Luke Perry, Michael Dom.                               | Ultimate Iceman: Chuck Liddell           | Blazing Saddles *** (1974, Comedy)         | Cleavon Little.                                     | Re-Inventors              | Re-Inventors                                 | Re-Inventors               | Discoveries            |
|        | 38  | SPiKE  | 628 | 584  | Ways to Die  | Ultimate Iceman: Chuck Liddell           | Blazing Saddles *** (1974, Comedy)         | Cleavon Little.                                     | Re-Inventors              | Re-Inventors                                 | Re-Inventors               | Discoveries            |
|        | 39  | AMC    | -   | -    | (6) Spaceballs (1987)  | Ax Men (HDTV)                            | Ax Men (HDTV)                              | Ax Men (HDTV)                                       | Ax Men (HDTV)             | Ax Men (HDTV)                                | Ax Men (HDTV)              | Ax Men (HDTV)          |
|        | 40  | HIST   | 522 | 506  | Ax Men (HDTV)  | Ax Men (HDTV)                            | Ax Men (HDTV)                              | Ax Men (HDTV)                                       | Ax Men (HDTV)             | Ax Men (HDTV)                                | Ax Men (HDTV)              | Ax Men (HDTV)          |
|        | 41  | COM    | 626 | 547  | Just for Laughs  | Human Target "Tanarak"                   | Lost "The Package" (N)                     | Star Trek: Next Gener.                              | Star Trek: Next Gener.    | Star Trek: Next Gener.                       | Star Trek: Next Gener.     | Star Trek: Next Gener. |
|        | 43  | SPACE  | 627 | 528  | Human Target "Tanarak"   | Star Trek: Next Gener.                   | Star Trek: Next Gener.                     | Star Trek: Next Gener.                              | Star Trek: Next Gener.    | Star Trek: Next Gener.                       | Star Trek: Next Gener.     | Star Trek: Next Gener. |
|        | 44  | WPCH   | 294 | 650  | Law & Order: Special Victims   | Seinfeld                                 | Name Is Earl                               | Above the Rim *** (1994, Drama) Duane Martin, Leon. | Oper. Repo                | Oper. Repo                                   | Oper. Repo                 | Oper. Repo             |
|        | 46  | OLN    | 411 | 457  | Oper. Repo   | Oper. Repo                               | Oper. Repo                                 | Oper. Repo  | Oper. Repo                | Oper. Repo                                   | Oper. Repo                 | Oper. Repo             |
|        | 48  | TROP   | 619 | 525  | Planet Soap  | Comeback                                 | Reality                                    | Whatever  | Family Guy                | Family Guy                                   | Family Guy                 | Family Guy             |
|        | 50  | STAR   | 621 | 527  | The View (HDTV)  | The Dr. Oz Show (N)                      | House Hunters                              | House Hunters                                       | House Hunters             | House Hunters                                | House Hunters              | House Hunters          |
|        | 52  | HGTV   | 600 | 564  | House-Bryan  | Real Renos (N)                           | House Hunters                              | House Hunters                                       | House Hunters             | House Hunters                                | House Hunters              | House Hunters          |
|        | 65  | TLN    | 700 | 800  | 2002 FIFA World Cup in Korea   | George Lopez                             | George Lopez                               | George Lopez  | George Lopez              | George Lopez                                 | George Lopez               | George Lopez           |
|        | 92  | APTN   | 269 | 350  | Wapost Bay   | By the Rapids                            | The Fabric of Time                         | Made  | MTV Live                  | Movie Night                                  | MTV Live                   | Movie Night            |
|        | 93  | VISION | 261 | 394  | Remaking the Shroud  | My Life as Liz                           | My Life as Liz                             | My Life as Liz                                      | My Life as Liz            | My Life as Liz                               | My Life as Liz             | My Life as Liz         |
|        | 100 | MTV    | 581 | 566  | My Life as Liz   | My Life as Liz                           | My Life as Liz                             | My Life as Liz                                      | My Life as Liz            | My Life as Liz                               | My Life as Liz             | My Life as Liz         |
|        | 101 | MTV    | 580 | 580  | Video on Trial   | Video on Trial                           | Video on Trial                             | Video on Trial                                      | Video on Trial            | Video on Trial                               | Video on Trial             | Video on Trial         |
|        | 102 | CPAC   | 512 | 396  | (6:30) Primetime Politics  | Medium "Light Sleeper"                   | Cold Case "The Road"                       | Le Téléjournal (SC)                                 | Le Téléjournal (SC)       | Le Téléjournal (SC)                          | Le Téléjournal (SC)        | Le Téléjournal (SC)    |
|        | 106 | RDI    | 126 | 730  | Battle for Terra (2007, Science Fiction)   | Boxing Arthur Abraham vs. Andre Dirrell. | Humboldt County (2008)                     |   |                           |  |                            |                        |



**Under the Influence**

Jason Wahler, the 23-year-old former star of The Hills who has struggled with alcohol use, has been charged with drunken driving in Southern California. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Going Out**

Metro's **7<sup>th</sup> Heaven**: Metro taps what's hot right now

**1 Elementary School Scarface**

**INTERNET** It turns out an elementary school adaptation of the Al Pacino classic Scarface — which was posted on YouTube (check it out at metronews.ca/metrotube) — was actually a planned production by the team behind Lady Gaga's Poker Face video. TMZ reported the discovery, but it still doesn't take away from oddness of watching a kid playing Tony Montana.

**2 Ricky Martin**

**POP CULTURE** The singer revealed perhaps the worst-kept secret in the world by officially announcing on his website that he is a "fortunate homosexual." The father of twin boys is quoted as saying he feels "stronger than ever" after making the announcement.

**3 Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans**

**DVD** Nicolas Cage's portrayal of a crooked cop in director Warner Herzog film will be available on DVD come Tuesday. Real cinephiles will be quick to compare it to the 1992 film starring Harvey Keitel that Herzog adapted for this production.

**4 April Fool's Day**

**POP CULTURE** This is perhaps the only day other than Halloween when it's permitted to play tricks on people and get away with it (check out the story below for ideas). The origins of the day go way back to the Middle Ages, but radio stations and phoney news items seem to be the *de rigueur* way of marking the event these days.

**5 Chocolate**

**FOOD** Just in time for Easter, a German new study is suggesting small doses of chocolate every day could decrease your risk of having a heart attack or stroke by nearly 40 per cent.

**6 Kate Gosselin**

**TELEVISION** Two weeks into Dancing with the Stars and reality-TV's most infamous mom is still toe-tapping — surviving a rough patch that included a row with her dance partner. Is it an attempt by show producers to boost ratings, or is Gosselin a Ginger Rogers in the making?

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Easter is near so Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency remind people that decorated eggs that have been left out on display are not safe to eat. If you want to eat the eggs hard-boil them thoroughly and then cool them. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## You gotta say Uncle

CHRISTOPHER THRALL  
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**Rating:** \*\*\*\*\*  
**Dinner for two:** \$30  
**Signature Dish:** Combination Plate No. 1 (\$10)

Ukrainians don't own Easter, their gloriously-coloured pysanka eggs notwithstanding. However, when it comes to comfort food, they have the market cornered.

I used to go to Uncle Ed's in Highlands, and their new

## On the web

- Get recipes and more great food content at [metronews.ca/recipes](http://metronews.ca/recipes)

location on 118th Avenue simply doubled the square footage and updated the decor. There was a little wait — there usually is, at this popular neighbourhood spot — but we were seated quickly in one of the window booths.

A single glance through the stunningly inexpensive menu told me all I needed to know: Combo No. 1 (\$10) promised everything I wanted.

We didn't have long to wait before I was digging in to a platter of rich, luscious calories. A heavy, dill-laced cream sauce enhanced the flavour of both cheese crepes and tiny cheese buns, while the cabbage rolls and succulent pyrogies needed no enhancement. The lean and slightly spiced Mundare sausage inspired my eldest daughter to chant, "I love wieners! I love wieners!"

By strategically packaging some of my meal, I managed to save room for a slice of apple-raisin pie (\$2.95). The sweet, steamy filling oozed out from under its crisp crust with the



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How can you go wrong with Uncle Ed's Combo No. 1 (\$10)?

slightest pressure from my fork.

A word of warning: the fantastic, inexpensive food

is a trap. After stuffing ourselves senseless, we walked out of the retail shop with enough Mundare sausage,

braided poppy seed loaf and pysanka eggs to line a baby's mantle! Over-indulgence rarely felt so good.

## Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out [metronews.ca/globalpeasant](http://metronews.ca/globalpeasant) for a recipe of Pimp My Banana Bread. (Banana Bread with Mango, Maple Yogurt and Toasted Almonds)



## Dining out

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## In brief

**FOOD BANK** Expressions of Hunger — the Food Bank's photo, poetry and short prose contest — is posting its entrants online this month. Visitors can vote for the best or most moving entries in five categories **CHRISTOPHER THRALL/ FOR METRO EDMONTON**

**"A BEAUTIFUL, TOUCHING FILM."**  
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## It's time for war

Sarah Palin loves Cool James, but the feeling isn't mutual. Rap legend and actor LL Cool J is featured in promos for Palin's FOX News show, but he says the network never asked him to participate, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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## Celebrity Buzz

## Wouldn't pay her bills

**WHAT A JERK FOR NOT WANTING TO BE LIKED JUST FOR HIS MONEY** A penetrating profile of the champion golfer's inner circle and his secret life has emerged, and Woods is described as being insatiable, unsatisfied at home and cheap, people.com reports.

The only thing Woods ever bought girlfriend Mindy Lawton was a chicken wrap from Subway, she tells Vanity Fair, while Jamie Jungers blamed

her breakup from the golfer on his refusal to help her financially.

Jungers also reveals that all her rendezvous with Tiger were organized through Bryon Bell — Woods' childhood friend and the president of Tiger Woods Design — contradicting Woods' recent statements that no one in his inner circle knew about his affairs. In

addition to Bell, Tiger's agent Mark Steinberg seemed to know what was going on. Lawton says when she alerted Woods that the National Enquirer was aware of their affair, Woods put her in contact with Steinberg, who reportedly said, "We'll take care of it."

Speaking on Wednesday's Today show, the article's author Mark Seal said the story is about a man who presented himself as a paragon of family values who was, in fact, leading a secret double life.

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## Bean there done that

**WOW, SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE A MUSICIAN? WEIRD 'CAUSE THAT TURNED OUT SO WELL FOR HER PARENTS** When

Frances Cobain agreed to be a guest vocalist on pal Amanda Palmer's new concept album, headlines swirled that the 17-year-old daughter of Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love was following in her parents' musical footsteps.

Not so fast, people.com reports.

"She's got a great voice,"

Palmer says. "But she's a really good visual artist. She's really interested in graphic novels."

Cobain was intrigued by Palmer and fellow musician Jason Webley's concept for the album, Evelyn Evelyn, which focuses on a conjoined twin singer-

songwriter duo.

Palmer was impressed with Cobain for more than her singing.

"She's really smart, level-headed, motivated, and incredibly funny," says Palmer, who met Cobain for the first time while with her fiancé, graphic novelist Neil Gaiman, of whom Cobain is a fan. "She has her own really strong personal work ethic and she wants to find her own voice and make her own art and she's going to do it by playing by her own rules."

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## A new cub?

**BETTER THAN A NEW CLUB**

Elin Nordegren has been standing by Tiger Woods' side since his cheating scandal broke because she is actually four months pregnant, at least according to the National Enquirer.

"Elin's staying quiet about it, but she's showing every sign of being pregnant," a source tells the tabloid. "Her tummy's a dead giveaway, and so is her behaviour. Her moods are all over the place and she's been eating constantly, which is not like Elin since she's always so concerned about her figure."

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

## He's ah-live!

**OR AT LEAST HE WAS WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL**

Conrad Murray and at least one doctor at UCLA Medical Center claim that Michael Jackson did have a detectable heartbeat when he reached the hospital, according to TMZ.

The revelation contradicts Jackson

family lawyer Brian Oxman's claim that the singer was dead before paramedics even arrived at his home.

Oxman insists the detectable heartbeat was due to doctors' resuscitation efforts and nothing else.

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## Time to look inside

**A BOTTLE OF VODKA? A HANDFUL OF PILLS? THE DEMISE OF YOUR CAREER? NO, LOOK INSIDE YOURSELF.** Celebrity Rehab host Dr. Drew Pinsky is worried about Lindsay Lohan.

"I have had a very bad feeling for a while that Lindsay is going to have a major injury. I fear for her," he tells Radar Online.

"If the reports are true that

she is taking pills, I would love to know who is prescribing them to her. Who are you and why are you prescribing pills to Lindsay?"

"I have always said that Lindsay Lohan can be a wonderful, recovering person, provided she gets treatment and successfully completes rehab."

**METRO WORLD NEWS**

## If Tiger's taught us anything

**IT'S THAT SEX REHAB MAKES WIVES THINK THEY'VE REALLY CHANGED** While the aftermath of his alleged cheating scandal

plays out in the press, leaving his marriage to Sandra Bullock in question, Jesse James has entered a rehab facility in Arizona, according to People magazine

"Jesse checked himself into a treatment facility to deal with personal issues," his rep says in a statement.

"He realized that this time was crucial to help himself, help his family and help save his marriage."

The type of treatment James is receiving wasn't specified, but his rep insists it was "100 per cent his own idea."

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## Ms. Mischa Barf-on

**CELEBRITY REHAB FOR YOU, MY DEAR** Mischa Barton had

a pretty rough night out in Hollywood recently, sources tell the New York Daily News.

The former O.C. star reportedly showed up to Bar Marmont by herself look-

ing "totally out of it," a

source says. "A few minutes after she comes in, she runs out-

side and vomits everywhere.

"And then she went back inside and hung out for the rest of the night."

Barton's rep had no comment.

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## CelebTweets

**SAMANTHA RONSON** isn't buying what Jesse James is selling, **BILLY CORGAN** is apparently a big wrestling fan, and **KEVIN SPACEY** isn't casting Kate Moss in a play.

@samantharonson Sex addiction rehab is for rich people who don't want to admit that they have no respect for marriage vows.

@Billy Thanks to all the great performers of the WWE for an incredible Wrestlemania 26 last night.

@KevinSpacey Great to hang w/Kate Moss last wk but not sure where stories of her treading boards at the Old Vic came from. Not a grain of truth in it!

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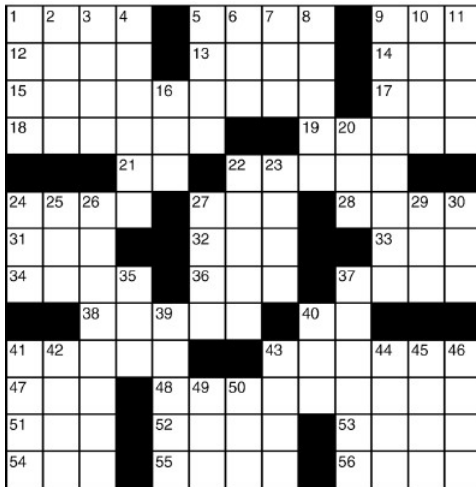
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### ACROSS

1 Rum cake  
5 Kennel noises  
9 Drunkard  
12 Actor John who wed Shirley Temple  
13 From the start  
14 "Yecch!"  
15 Hero sandwich  
17 One of the guys  
18 Restrained  
19 Following  
21 Freudian concept  
22 Western movie  
24 Quick  
27 Doctrine  
28 Changes direction suddenly  
31 Old French coin  
32 Conk out  
33 Bill's partner  
34 Unpaid amount  
36 Still, in verse  
37 Put an end to  
38 On top of the

world?  
40 Therefore  
41 Scent  
43 Pincered insect  
47 Caviar, basically  
48 Sign on to buy  
51 Geological period  
52 — out (supplements)  
53 Valhalla VIP  
54 Alias (Abbr.)  
55 Clinton Cabinet member  
56 Into the sunset

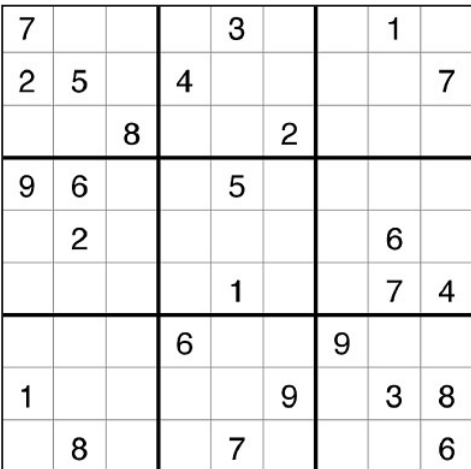
### DOWN

1 Take pleasure (in)  
2 Chills and fever  
3 Sweetie  
4 Axilla  
5 Knitting need  
6 Singer DiFranco  
7 Corral  
8 Perspiration  
9 Take away  
10 Shrek, for one  
11 Son of 53-  
Across  
16 Succor

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| CARDINAL | BRUT     |        | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| ENSURE   | ETUDES   |        | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| PEW      | DATA     |        | 5 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| ORC      | SAT      | MUMPS  | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 5 |
| PEAK     | LEA      | SORE   | 9 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| STREP    | ANT      | MOW    | 7 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| DEED     | DEB      |        | 6 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
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## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Lemon Ricotta Pancakes

Submitted by Paula Bowman

**PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES**

**COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES**

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 cup fresh ricotta  
3/4 cup milk  
3 eggs, separated  
olive oil cooking spray

#### METHOD:

In a large bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together until well blended, set aside.  
2 In a separate bowl, combine ricotta, milk, egg yolks and lemon zest together in a bowl and stir until smooth. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just combined.  
3 In a clean dry bowl, beat egg whites with an electric

mixer until soft peaks form. With a rubber spatula, fold egg whites into ricotta mixture in two batches until just blended.  
4 Preheat a non-stick skillet or griddle over medium-low heat and lightly spray with cooking spray. Working in batches, ladle 1/4 cup batter onto the skillet for each pancake, being careful not to overcrowd the pan. Cook until golden on underside, about 1 to 2 minutes. Turn over and cook until golden and cooked through, about 1 minute more. Keep pancakes warm in 250°F oven while remaining batches are cooked.

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### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

For some strange reason you seem prone to illogical ways. Focus only on the facts — everything else is just wishful thinking.

### LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Sooner or later you will have to branch out in a new direction and there really is no time like the present.

### TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

You will be on the move today and may end up in some rather unusual places. It is not like you to be so adventurous. Try exploring them

### SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

It would appear that you are finally prepared to do something you have wanted to do for ages but did not have the courage to try.

### GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

There are two routes you can take and as not even a Gemini can be in two places at once you must choose a path and stick with it.

### SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

If someone offers you their assistance today you would be wise to politely refuse.

### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

There may be a thousand and one things you should have done by now but, in the greater scheme of things, they really don't matter that much.

### CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

The current cosmic set-up is hardly likely to promote rational thinking and chances are you will look back and wonder why you did certain things.

### LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Something you had never previously considered will come to your attention today and it will put an entirely new slant on the way you look at the world.

### AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Is your daily regime as organized as it should be? If not, it's time to do something about it.

### VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

You cannot force people to change their beliefs. The more you try the more they will cling to them.

### PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

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1933 — The recently elected Nazis under Julius Streicher organize a one-day boycott of all Jewish-owned businesses in Germany, ushering in the series of anti-Semitic acts that will gradually, yet ultimately lead to the Holocaust.  
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